

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
March 1, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.

The March 1, 2011 regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. The following members were present:

Present: Mayor Larry Yates  
Vice Mayor Mike Harris

Council Members: Joe Sperow, Barry Whitt, and Rocky Wood.

Absent: Diana Reedy and Johnnie Branham.

## **ITEMS # I & II**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Chief Wallace offered the innovation.

## **ITEM # III - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda.

Ramona Duncan stated a section for public comments needed to be added to the agenda.

Mayor Yates amended the agenda to add public comments as item IX-A.

With no further additions or changes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow to add public comments to the agenda as item IX-A. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

## **ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting, Council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the prepared, February 1, 2011, Public Hearing Minutes and a copy of the minutes for the regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve both sets of minutes.

## **ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the Council was presented the following for approval:

- Current listing of payables due for March 2011

- February 2011 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance (check-register)
- February 2011 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the February 2011 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow to approve the financial report as presented.

## **ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. POLICE REPORT**

Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of February. He reported the month of February was busy. He asked if there were any questions.

Chief George Wallace reported the following activities:

DIP	02
Traffic Summons	15
Vehicle Stops	12
Assist Motorist	04
Driving Suspended	01
Warrants Served	03
Other Arrests & Charges	02
Offense Reports	01
Citizens Complaints	01
Accident Investigations	01
Incident Reports	10

### **B. DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Mayor Yates reported a contract with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development on Phase I of the town's revitalization project has been signed and mailed. He stated Phase I of the project is \$350,000.00.

Mayor Yates reported the council needs to approve the following items for Phase I of the revitalization project:

- A: Revolving Loan Fund Program Design
- B: People Incorporated Grant Implementation Agreement.  
This is an agreement between the town and People Incorporated. (People Inc. will administer the Revolving Loan program)

C: Agreement with Hills Studios for Phase I & II Architect and Engineering.

Mayor Yates asked if there were any questions or comments about the items which needed to be approved.

With no discussion or questions on the Revolving Loan Fund Program Design, the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow to approve the Revolving Loan Fund Program Design as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates stated People Incorporated will administer the Revolving Loan Fund Project. The Grant Implementation Agreement with People Incorporated is legal language for People Incorporated to administer the loan. He asked the Council if they had any questions.

With no questions or comments the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the Grant Implementation Agreement with People Incorporated. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates reported the council has agreed to continue with Hills Studios along with their sub-contractors Thomson & Litton. This agreement states what the town and Hill Studios will be responsible for in Phase I and Phase. II.

Upon motion made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to approve the agreement with Hill Studios for Phase I & Phase II. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates reported each member received information pertaining to the CDBG contract for their information.

## **VII. New Business**

### **Donation for Haysi High Senior Class Trip to New York**

Ben Collins, Senior Class Sponsor, Devin Edwards, and Hollie Robinson, Senior Class representatives were present to seek a donation from the town to help fund the senior trip to New York. The group discussed in detail what the trip would consist of and how the senior class had been working since August to raise money for the trip. The trip cost approximately \$600.00 per student.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood second by Council Member Joe Sperow to donate \$500.00 to the senior class for the trip to New York. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

## **VII. MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates said he and Vice Mayor Mike Harris meet February 10<sup>th</sup> to review the town's bank statement and the statement appears to be in order. Mayor Yates asked are there any questions or comments concerning the statement

No questions.

Mayor Yates announced the town received a \$75000.00 grant from ARC. The grant will be used for technical assistance and planning for the Riverfront Trail, and to pay consulting fees for plans for the old theater building. He said unfortunately the town did not receive funds from DCR to build the trail due to issues with the county. Mayor stated he is working on a grant Appalachian Assessment Grant; the assessment is scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Yates reminded the Council on March 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> students from Indiana State University will be working in town to help with river clean-up, painting, and etc...The students will stay at the Bartlick Presbyterian Church.

Mayor Yates mentioned he hopes to have the town's budget ready for the town to review in April, hold public hearing in May, and approved in June for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

## **IX COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Barry Whitt mentioned VDOT had installed the 35 mph speed limit signs between Haysi High and Sandlick Elementary.

Council Member Joe Sperow commented potholes need to be fixed near his residents.

Mayor Yates suggested filling-out complaint forms and sending to VDOT.

## **IX-PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **X EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At this time Mayor Yates entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session. At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to convene in Executive Session

pursuant to code section 2.2-3711 A-1, of the Code of Virginia, let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

We certify that:

1. Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and
2. Only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Joe Sperow	Yes	Johnnie Branham	Absent
Barry Whitt	Yes	Diana Reedy	Absent
Mike Harris	Yes		
Rocky Wood	Yes		

Upon motion made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood the council was now convened in Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Upon motion made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow for the town to hire a minimum of two part time police officers. Chief George Wallace will conduct the interviews, and make recommendation for hire to the mayor, and Mayor Yates will make the final approval. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

## **XI ADJOURN**

With no further business the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Joe Sperow. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

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Attest: